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COUNTRY: (U) JORDAN (JO); SYRIA (SY); LEBANON (LE);
SOUTH AFRICA (SF).SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ENTREE INTO
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SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ SOUTH AFRICA OPENS A NEW EMBASSY IN AMMAN.
CHIEF OF MISSION INITIATING CONTACTS IN AMMAN, DAMASCUS,
AND BEIRUT. COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY
OBJECTIVES.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C)~~ THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA OPENED A
NEW EMBASSY IN AMMAN ABOUT 931200, UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THE
CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES, ANTHONY ((GREENHAM)). (NICKNAME ANT
GREENHAM.)

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THIS IS THE FIRST PRESENCE
OF A SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMAT OR DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, OTHER THAN IN ISRAEL, SINCE ABOUT 600000,
WHEN SOUTH AFRICA CLOSED ITS EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
EMBASSY IN AMMAN FOLLOWS A MID-930000 REPROACHMENT BETWEEN
JORDAN AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND REVERSES A LONG-STANDING
JORDANIAN POLICY OF PROHIBITING THE ENTRY OF SOUTH
AFRICANS.

3. ~~(C)~~ THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY LOCATED ON

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THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE FORTE GRANDE HOTEL IN AMMAN.

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4. ~~(C/WN)~~ BIOGRAPHICS. GREENHAM IS WHITE, AND WAS BORN IN SOUTH AFRICA OF ENGLISH ANCESTRY. (ESTIMATE DOB ABOUT GREENHAM WAS ACCOMPANIED TO AMMAN BY HIS WIFE,

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GREENHAM IS APPARENTLY A CAREER DIPLOMAT, AND PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV BETWEEN ABOUT 830000 AND 880000. FROM ABOUT 880000 TO 930000, GREENHAM LEFT THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND STUDIED RELIGION AT A BAPTIST COLLEGE IN DALLAS, TEXAS. IN ABOUT 930000, GREENHAM RETURNED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN SERVICE, AND [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED A DIPLOMATIC POSITION COMMENSURATE TO THAT WHICH HE WOULD HAVE HAD IF HE HAD REMAINED IN SERVICE.

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5. ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ BESIDES GREENHAM, THE EMBASSY HAS FOUR PERSONNEL: FIRST SECRETARY (ADMIN), MONICA ((ABRAHAM)); THIRD SECRETARY (POLITICAL), HINLIE ((BOYSON)); A COMMUNICATOR, (NAME NOT KNOWN); AND A JORDANIAN SECRETARY, (NAME NOT KNOWN)

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ON OR ABOUT 940415, GREENHAM TRAVELED TO BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS WITH A VISITING MEMBER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND SPENT ABOUT THREE DAYS EACH IN DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT.

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THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACTS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF LEBANON AND SYRIA, WITH A FOCUS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE. [REDACTED] IT WAS POSSIBLE GREENHAM COULD ALSO BE DIPLOMATICALLY ACCREDITED TO THESE COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE.

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7. ~~(C/WN)~~ ON 940510, THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY HOSTED ITS FIRST MAJOR SOCIAL EVENT, THE CELEBRATION OF THE

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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT, NELSON ((MANDELA)). [REDACTED] BOTH JORDAN AND SYRIA WILL SEND DELEGATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR MANDELA'S INAUGURATION. THE JORDANIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE PRINCE ((RAHD)), CHAMBERLAIN OF THE ROYAL COURT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GREENHAM DOES NOT BELIEVE THE CHANGE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL RESULT IN ANY MAJOR CHANGES TO HIS DIPLOMATIC POSITION OR RESPONSIBILITIES.

8. ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ [REDACTED] THE SOUTH AFRICAN

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EMBASSY WILL NOT DIRECTLY SELL MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SINCE ALL SUCH SALES ARE ROUTINELY HANDLED BY PRIVATE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES. [REDACTED] SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORTS TO SHOWCASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AT THE DUBAI AIR SHOW AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOUTH AFRICAN INTEREST IN ENTERING THE MIDDLE EAST SALES MARKET. [REDACTED] SOUTH AFRICA CAN PRODUCE AND SELL RELATIVELY GOOD QUALITY, HIGH TECHNOLOGY MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR LESS THAN MOST EUROPEAN COMPANIES.

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9. ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ [REDACTED] THAT GREENHAM HAD PROVIDED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY SALES COMPANIES TO RETIRED JORDANIAN BG FAROUQ ((ABDEEN)), FORMER ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS OF THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE. [REDACTED] ABDEEN WAS INTERESTED IN BROKERING THE SALE OF JORDANIAN AIRCRAFT TO SOUTH AFRICA. WITH REFERENCE TO ABDEEN'S EFFORTS,

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[REDACTED] THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS MORE INTERESTED IN SELLING (MILITARY EQUIPMENT), THAN BUYING IT.

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